(b) If so, the projects identified in different tribal areas for the purpose and particularly in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments and Central assistance is generally given in the form of block loans and grants. However, Special Central Assistance is provided to the States for minor irrigation schemes under the Tribal Sub-plan. Ministry of Welfare has accorded administrative approval for funding from Special Central Assistance towards the capital cost of 45 lift irrigation projects in Koraput district of Orissa and an amount of Rs. 70 lakhs as additional Special Central Assistance towards the capital cost of these schemes has been released to the State Government during 1988-89.

Representation in MPEDA

3440. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representation in Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is monopolised by certain areas and interests;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) what steps are being taken to enhance representation for Orissa and Eastern Maritime States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Eastern Maritime States are adequately represented in the Marine Products Export Development Authority.

Irregularities in fixed deposit accounts of Punjab and Sind Bank Dibrugarh branch

3441. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman and Managing Director, Punjab and Sind Bank had received a detailed representation in September, 1983 regarding serious irregularities and complete inaction pertaining to certain fixed deposit account on the part of its Dibrugarh branch;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action was taken thereon.

(c) whether the said fixed deposits were later on transferred to Vasant Vihar (New Delhi) branch and then to Green Park Extension branch of the Bank without removing the said irregularities; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Green Park branch officials of the Bank have been harassing the concerned fixed deposit account holders; and

(e) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) Punjab and Sind Bank has reported that a complaint was received from a deposit holder of its Dibrugarh Branch in 1983. The complaint was got investigated by the Bank. According to the Bank, the party had some Fixed Deposit Receipts (FDRs) with the aforesaid branch of the Bank. Loans were obtained by the party against the FDRs. The bank had adjusted on maturity some of the FDRs towards settlement of part of the outstanding in the loan accounts which became irregular. The bank had retained one FDR (due to mature at a later date) as security for settlement of the balance outstanding in loan account. At the request of the party, the FDR retained as security was transferred first to Vasant Vihar branch and again to Green Park Extension Branch. While transferring the FDR, the bank had

stipulated a condition for deduction of a specified sum in settlement of the loan account at the time of the maturity/payment of FDR. The party is reported to have protested against such stipulation. The bank has denied that its Green Park Extension Officials were harassing the party.

Exemptoin of excise duty on drug intermediates

3442. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifa-S and 1-amino 4-Methyl Piperazine, drug intermediates are exempt from customs duty;

(b) if so, since when and what are the reasons for allowing exemption of customs duty on these intermediates;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these intermediates are being imported through shippers;

(d) what are the names of the parties which imported these intermediates during the last three years, yearwise along with the source of each import;

(e) what is the CIF price at which each intermediate was imported; and

(f) what was the quantity imported by each party yearwise during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Rifampicin S and 1-amino 4-methyl piperazine were exempted from customs duty with effect from the 17th March, 1985. This exemption was granted to encourage indigenous production of Rifampicin which is used for the treatment of TB and leprosy.

(c) to (f) The Customs Department does not maintain importer and supplier wise statistics with regard to the import of individual drug intermediates.

Customs duty on the import of Rifa-SV

3443. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifa-SV an intermediate being imported for production of bulk drug is exempted from customs duty;

(b) if so, on whose recommendation such an action was taken;

(c) what are the names of the companies which imported this intermediate during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) what was the quantity imported by each and what was the name of each supplier and the country from which imported; and

(e) what was the CIF price of each consignment during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) 3-formyl-Rifamycin SV was exempted from customs duty with effect from the 17th March, 1985. It is used in the manufacture of the anti-TB and anti-Leprosy drug, Rifampicin. This exemption was granted in the Budget for 1985-86.

(c) to (e) The Customs Department does not maintain importer and supplier wise stastics with regard to the import of individual drug intermediates.

Organisation of workshops to specialise women enterpreneurs in textiles and garments

3444. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workshops being conducted to specialise the women entre-